

**Question on Notice
No. 830
Asked on Wednesday 24 May 2006**

MS CROFT asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to a service which I understand is currently being offered to the community seeking subscribers to a traffic advisory SMS service –

Will she outline the reasons why she warns motorists against subscribing to services of this kind?

ANSWER:

I warn motorists against subscribing to traffic advisory SMS services that provide warnings of random breath testing sites and speed detection enforcement locations because this type of 'service' assists motorists in avoiding police operations that target life-endangering traffic offences. It also undermines the millions of dollars the state government spends each year on road safety initiatives.

Speed and alcohol are a major cause of death and injury on Queensland roads and any attempt to assist drunk or speeding drivers avoid detection is grossly irresponsible and only serves to encourage life-endangering driver behaviour. In 2005, speed was a contributing factor in 21% of the road toll which equates to 69 deaths. In 2005, drink driving was a contributing factor in 29% of the road toll which equates to 96 deaths;

This type of product is designed to make money by putting people's lives at risk.